

Carlsbad Current.

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CARLSBAD, N. M.

TENANETTES.

Many shade trees have recently been set out at Hillsboro.

Five divorces were granted in one day at Hillsboro recently.

Four parties charged with robbing trains have been arrested at Luling.

The sham battle at Hillsboro on Thanksgiving day was a grand success.

The Ballard law factory at Fort Worth burned, entailing a loss of \$7000.

Brick sidewalks are being put down at Henrietta in the business portion of the city.

A lodge of the Switchmen's Union of North America has been organized at Texasburg.

The large dredge built at Beaumont was launched in the presence of a vast concourse of people.

W. C. Bullard narrowly escaped drowning while trying to cross a ravine in Dickens county.

The recent bazaar held by the congregation of St. Mary's Catholic church, Austin, netted \$2000.

F. P. Gayne of Houston filed a petition in bankruptcy. He alleges he has no assets save wearing apparel.

A street car and a bakery wagon collided at Fort Worth. The driver of the street car had a foot badly crushed.

The Westside Street Railway company of San Antonio, capital stock \$75,000, has filed its charter at Austin.

The 2-year-old child of F. W. Lack, a farmer near Midship, while playing near a tank of water fell in and was drowned.

County Treasurer Prather's books show Dallas county's cash balance for quarter ending Oct. 31, 1899, to be \$814,45.47.

The Home Forum Benefit Order of Elks has been granted permission to do business in Texas as a fraternal insurance company.

Mrs. Nancy Miller, mother of Mayor Miller of Sulphur Springs, died in that city, aged 83 years. She was a pioneer, coming to Texas in 1836.

Dr. C. P. Ellis of Baird, Lamar county, was terribly killed by one of his horses. He was rendered unconscious for several minutes.

A large rock was thrown into a coach on the Texas and Pacific road near Paris, hitting a passenger in the forehead inflicting a painful wound.

Gus Sauter, proprietor of a saloon and meat market at Houston, has filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. Liabilities about \$41,000, assets \$20,000.

Mother Claude, who has been superior at the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway hospital at Temple, has been transferred to Galveston. Sister Margaret succeeds her.

I. A. Miner of Ellsworth, near Sherman, captured a centipede the other day that was over thirteen inches in length and fully an inch across the broadest part of the back.

Reports continue to reach Austin of the further discovery of rich copper deposits near Burnet, in Burnet county, sixty miles west of Austin on the Austin and Northwestern railroad.

An application in voluntary bankruptcy was filed in the United States court at Fort Worth, by J. Bryant of Fort Worth. Liabilities are placed at \$6001.01 and his assets at \$293.

A large gray wolf was seen six miles southwest of Paris a few days ago. It went into a ditch. J. W. Early procured a shotgun, slipped up to where it went into the ditch and firing killed the brute.

Jim Wilson, charged by indictment with murder, who has been in jail at Belton for two years and four months, has been released on \$5000 bond. He left at once on a visit to his father and mother, who reside in Mississippi.

Col. J. W. Allison, president of the Ellis Oil Mill company, has returned to that city from a tour of Europe. His son, Andrew Allison, will soon go to Europe to superintend the erection of several oil mills in a number of cities.

A fire which destroyed the four-story building occupied by Philip Rinn & Co.'s planing mill, Division and Crosby streets, Chicago, threatened the two big gas tanks of the People's Gas Light and Coke company, and for hours kept hundreds of residents in fear for their lives and property. Loss \$175,000.

Mrs. Rosenberg of Galveston presented the convention of the Texas division of the Daughters of the Confederacy with a gavel made out of wood from the home of the late ex-President Jefferson Davis at Beauvoir, Miss.

Colored children near Jacksonville were playing with a lighted kerosene lamp when it exploded. One of their number, 10 years old, was covered with the burning oil and was so badly burned that his death followed after several hours of awful agony.

ROBERTS DENIED

Set Until the Committee Has Made Report.

PLEADS HIS OWN CASE.

The Galleries Were Thronged With Spectators. Mostly Women. Senate Held a Short Session.

Washington, Dec. 5.—After an interesting debate of three hours, the house yesterday, by a vote of 302 to 20, adopted the resolution offered by Mr. Taylor of Ohio Monday for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the charges against Brigham H. Roberts, the Mormon representative from Utah. Previously the house had rejected a substitute resolution offered by Mr. Richardson, the leader of the minority, to allow Mr. Roberts to be sworn in and to send the whole case to the judiciary committee.

The substitute, however, by no means commanded the full Democratic strength. Only fifty-seven members voted for it. Of the thirty who voted against the Taylor resolution, all were Democrats but two, Mr. Loud, Republican, of California, and Mr. Newlands, Silverite, of Nevada.

By the terms of the resolution Mr. Roberts is not only excluded from all participation in the proceedings of the house until the committee reports and the house passes upon his case, but he is denied a seat in the hall. Whether this will be interpreted to deny him admission within the chamber pending the disposition of his case is yet to be decided.

The reading of the president's message was completely overshadowed by the dramatic proceedings, which resulted in the action of the house yesterday. The galleries were thronged with spectators, mostly women, who sat patiently through the three weary hours until it was concluded.

The most remarkable feature of the debate was the fact that Mr. Roberts' presentation of his own side of the case, which lasted almost an hour, became so absorbing that he won the sympathy of many of those in the galleries and was several times showered with applause. It was evident that he realized that the house was overwhelmingly against him and at times he spoke fiercely and defiantly.

Yesterday's session of the senate lasted two hours and forty minutes, practically the entire time being consumed in the reading of the president's message. The reading was largely perfunctory, few senators according it any attention. The senate adopted resolutions of regret on the death of Senator-elect Hayward of Nebraska, presented by Senator Thurston, and as a further mark of respect, immediately adjourned.

School Teacher Killed.

Tombpkinsville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Yesterday O. D. Saunders, a school teacher, was called out of his schoolhouse at Athensville in the west end of this county and stabbed in the throat and killed by Will Harlin of Mason county, Tennessee. Last Saturday night the schoolhouse at Athensville was burned. Mr. Saunders had accused Willie and John Harlin and two other boys of the crime. The Harlins and two other boys are under arrest, and are being guarded.

Beet Sugar Manufacturers.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 6.—Delegates from many states attended the annual meeting here yesterday of the American Beet Sugar Manufacturers' association. The industry was reported as having flourished during the past two years, but now it is greatly disturbed over the prospect of free beet sugar from the insular dependencies. Many new factories, the report says, orders for which are ready to be placed to the value of several million dollars, are held up pending this uncertainty.

The association took strong grounds against President McKinley's recommendation for free sugar, adopted emphatic resolutions against a policy and provided for a vigorous campaign on the subject.

Henry T. Oxnard was elected president, M. Allen of Ames, Neb., secretary, and George Stroh of Detroit, treasurer.

A little child was killed near Paris recently by a falling tree.

Fined for Issuing a Pass.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 6.—An opinion was handed down by the North Carolina supreme court yesterday holding the Southern railway liable to the law imposing a fine of \$1000 for issuing a free pass in this state. The case was sent up in April. The Southern railway being indicted in Burke county for giving a free pass to T. N. Hallyburton while he was doorkeeper of the house of the North Carolina legislature.

A Destructive Fire.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 6.—A special to the Age-Herald from Meridian, Miss., says:

The most disastrous fire in this city's history occurred last night. The Rosenbaum building, situated in the heart of the business portion of the city, is a mass of ruins and adjacent buildings are seriously damaged by fire and water. The fire was discovered at 6 o'clock in the Rosenbaum building, and owing to the difficulty experienced by the firemen in getting to the fire, the flames, soon after their way to the walls of the building, completely gutting it.

Early in the action the firemen turned their attention to the houses adjoining and across the street from the burning building. The whole block at one time was doomed, but the department, assisted by hundreds of citizens, succeeded in confining the fire to the Rosenbaum building, which occupied the southwest corner of the block, and to the Handley-Wright building, immediately adjoining on the east. Several times during the progress of the conflagration the buildings on the south half of the block fronting Front street and Twenty-second avenue, caught fire. The Southern hotel caught at one time but the blaze was quickly seen and extinguished.

It is not known how the fire originated.

The damage will reach \$250,000. So far as learned every firm affected by the fire carries insurance to nearly cover the loss sustained. A cordon of police kept the crowd beyond the danger line of falling walls.

The Southern hotel is situated across the street and caught fire but the building was saved after hard work.

The heaviest losses are A. L. Rosenbaum, owner of the block; Alex. Loch, clothing; E. R. Souter, jewelry; M. A. Cross, hardware; J. L. Handley, furniture; Oscar Lillybeck, drug store; Queen City millinery parlor and Southern hotel. The upper floors of the Rosenbaum block were used for offices and lodging rooms, and a number of lawyers, doctors and dentists are heavy losers, among them being Doehran & Rosenbaum, who lost their library, valued at \$4500.

At a late hour last night the total loss was estimated at \$200,000. A close estimate of the insurance places the figures at \$250,000.

Situation at Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 6.—Although the repairing of the cable between Aden and Zanzibar has restored the route "via Aden" to South Africa, and thereby relieved quite a budget of belated dispatches, there is nothing at hand throwing light on Gen. Buller's preparations for the relief of Ladysmith or the movements of the other British columns.

News from Ladysmith has been received up to the night of Wednesday, Nov. 23, when all was well, provisions were plentiful and the bombardment was ineffective. Dispatches of the same date from Boer headquarters refer to the renewal of a heavy bombardment with a fourth siege gun christened "Emmett," which had just arrived from Pretoria, and a lifeless response from the garrison.

A special dispatch from Durban says the Boers lost 1800 men at what has been popularly known as the battle of Glencoe. It is also said that scurvy and dysentery are rampant among the burghers, who are beleaguering Ladysmith.

A dispatch from Pretoria mentions an important sortie from Kimberley Nov. 27, and says:

"The British prisoners are well. The government has permitted them to subscribe to the state library and also allows them to purchase beer and newspapers."

Senator Hayward Dead.

Nebraska City, Neb., Dec. 6.—United States Senator Hayward died at 6:20 o'clock yesterday morning.

United States Senator M. L. Hayward was 53 years of age and had lived in Nebraska City for thirty-two years. Although a lawyer by profession, he made his wealth largely through investments in lands in Nebraska and Kansas. His election to the United States senate was his first appearance in national politics. He was defeated for governor by Poynter two years ago, reducing the fusion majority from 18,000 to 3900. When the last legislature was found to be Republican, Mr. Hayward announced his candidacy for the United States senate and the fight which followed was one of the bitterest in the history of the state. The long drawn-out caucus deadlock finally resulted in his election, but soon afterward he was stricken with paralysis while addressing a political meeting. Senator Hayward was a veteran of the civil war.

Steamer Aground.

London, Dec. 6.—It is impossible to save anything from the stranded British steamer, Shillito, Capt. Olsen, the rocks having penetrated her bottom. The Shillito sailed from Galveston via Norfolk for Aarhus, and went ashore near Stavanger, Norway, Nov. 29.

The British steamer Spennymoor, Capt. Davies, while leaving Fecamp for Mobile, ran aground yesterday while trying to avert a collision.

CONGRESS MEETS.

Both the Senate and House Held Short Sessions.

HENDERSON ELECTED SPEAKER.

Enormous Crowds Witnessed the Opening Scenes in the House. The Roberts Case Discussed.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Appropriate tribute to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart was paid by the senate yesterday at its first session of the fifty-sixth congress. The session lasted only thirty-three minutes and only the most formal and necessary business was transacted. After the adoption of the usual routine business and the administering to the new members of the oath of office, Senator Sewell of New Jersey presented fitting resolutions on the death of Vice President Hobart. The resolutions were ordered to be communicated to the house, and the senate, on motion of Mr. Kean of New Jersey, was suspended.

Enormous crowds witnessed the opening scenes in the house yesterday. The principal interest centered in the disposition of the case of Mr. Roberts, the Mormon representative from Utah. Those who anticipated a sensational denouement were disappointed. The programme outlined by the floor leaders at their conference on Friday night was partly carried out. The objection to the administration of the oath to Mr. Roberts was entered by Mr. Taylor of Ohio, as predicted, and he stepped aside without protest except to ask if by doing so he waived any of his rights. To this the speaker responded in the negative.

There was not a protest from any quarter against the objection to the administration of the oath to Mr. Roberts. But, on the contrary, the only voice raised, except that of Mr. Taylor, was that of Mr. McElree, a Democrat of Arkansas, who joined with Mr. Taylor in his protest. Mr. Taylor offered his resolution to refer the case to a special committee, but by mutual arrangement the consideration of the resolution was postponed until to-day in order that routine business in connection with organization might be transacted.

Although Mr. Roberts was not sworn yesterday, he secured a seat. This was, however, by an accident pure and simple. In the seat drawing lottery no provision had been made for Mr. Roberts, but when the drawing was completed two others as well as himself had not been provided with seats, and the speaker asked and secured from the house general permission for those members who had not drawn seats to make such selections as they could. Under this authority Mr. Roberts got a seat in an obscure portion of the hall. His daughter sat in the gallery and watched the proceedings from beginning to end.

The election of Speaker Henderson and his introduction to the office, the appointment of the usual committees to wait upon the president, the seat-drawing contest with the usual amusing features went off without a hitch.

The only other feature out of the ordinary was the adoption of the Reed rules for the present congress. The Democrats knew it was futile to more than protest against the adoption of these rules after the Republicans had decided upon the course in caucus, and the debate on the resolution to adopt them was very brief. They were adopted by a strict party vote.

Gen. Joe Wheeler.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Notwithstanding the reported statements to the effect that General Joe Wheeler is about to return to Washington to resume his seat in congress, the officials of the war department assert that they know nothing of any such purpose on the part of Gen. Wheeler. Certainly he has not yet applied to the department of leave of absence, although perhaps it may not have been necessary for him to go further than his immediate superior officer, Gen. Otis, to secure permission to return to the states. In that case, however, his leave would be limited to sixty days.

The officials point to the decision of the last house that Gen. Wheeler had forfeited his seat in the house by holding his army commission, and make the point that conditions are now precisely similar, so that if the general returns he must either resign his commission or his seat in congress.

It is suggested a solution of the problem might be had by appointing the general as major general and retiring him at once, in which case the retired officer might continue in the executive branch.

Prisoners Escape.

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 5.—Late Sunday night an inmate of the county jail here struck the trusty in charge over the head, rendering him unconscious, and with an iron bar pried a stone from the dividing wall, and three prisoners escaped. Two were charged with horse theft and one with robbing a safe in this place of \$700. They undoubtedly had confederates outside, as horses had been provided for them. Officers are out scouring the country in all directions.

The Official Canvass.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 5.—Fifty-one counties were canvassed by the Kentucky state board of election commissioners yesterday, out of a total of 119 in the state. Of these fifty-one counties five were passed over to be considered immediately upon the conclusion of the work of the canvassing board.

The counties canvassed yesterday were Goebel 74,164, Taylor 68,878.

The counties passed over are Christian, Fleming, Green, Harlan and Harrison. The board met at 11:30 in the office of Secretary of State Finley, all three members, ex-Chief Justice Pryor of the state supreme court, W. T. Ellis and C. B. Pontz, being present. The board got down to business at once. There was a clash between the commissioners and Secretary Finley, who by virtue of his office acted as custodian of the certificates received from the county boards of election.

"We are ready for the returns, Mr. Finley," said Judge Pryor, "Adair county," replied the secretary, handing out a large envelope. "Why don't you give us the returns from the entire state?" inquired Mr. Ellis. "I am custodian of these returns," replied Mr. Finley, "and as such I prefer to keep them in my own hands. I don't mean that the board would for an instant misuse them, but as they are in my charge, and I am responsible for them, I cannot give them up except as they are required by the board."

"They are the property of the board, Mr. Finley," replied Mr. Ellis, "and the board has all the right in the world to have them, one by one or all at once, as it may elect. I am willing that you should be joint custodian of the records while they are in the possession of the board, but I consider even that a concession on the part of the board."

"I must decline to hand them over," was Mr. Finley's reply, "and I request leave to consult with my legal advisers."

Mr. Ellis waved his hand in assent, and after a short talk with Augustus Wilson of Louisville, the attorney acting for the Republican party, Mr. Finley turned around, remarking: "I will waive the point, Mr. Ellis. Here are the returns," and he handed them out.

This was practically the only argument that occurred during the day and it was carried on without bitterness or discourtesy on either side.

Once begun the canvass went on rapidly, thirteen counties being disposed of when the board adjourned at 1 o'clock for dinner.

It reconvened at 2:30 and within three hours thirty-eight counties, including the five that were passed, were canvassed.

The first county over which any trouble arose was Christian, which gave 2816 votes to Goebel and 3471 to Taylor. It was passed on account of alleged irregularities in the precinct of Hopkinsville, Fleming, was the next county laid over for future argument. The county commissioners first certified to 1958 votes for Goebel and 1890 for Taylor. They discovered errors in the count and sent a substitute certificate, giving Goebel 1771 and Taylor 1963. The county was passed by mutual consent of Democrats and Republicans.

Green county was passed on account of alleged irregularities in the Brentwood precinct.

At Des Moines, Ia., Judge Wilson of the United States district court died the other afternoon after an illness of several weeks.

Spanish Tran ports.

Manila, Dec. 5.—The Spanish transport Aliva and the gunboats Villalobos and Quois, with the Spanish garrison and civilians of the Caroline Islands, arrived here yesterday. They report that the German governors of the islands who arrived on the warship Jaguar, occupied Yap, Nov. 3; Depan, Nov. 16, and Ponape Oct. 3. They garrisoned the places with fifteen men each. The Spanish governors of Yap and Ponape said they considered the small garrisons in danger from the natives.

The Spanish gunboats will probably be offered for sale to the United States government.

The Spanish secretary, Senor Benquete, has arrived here with a note from Col. G. Gilmore to his sister, Mrs. Major Price. He says he has been ill, but is now in fairly good health. The Spaniards befriended him and gave him money and clothes.

Frank McConell knocked out Charley Burns at St. Louis the other night.

Fought to a Draw.

New York, Dec. 5.—Frank Erne of Buffalo and Jack O'Brien of New York fought twenty-five rounds at 133 pounds at the Coney Island Sporting club last night and at the end the referee, George Siler, declared the bout a draw. This decision was fair and just, but it did not satisfy a number of persons, who had picked a favorite. O'Brien did a lot of forcing and fighting but Erne's work was of a cleaner and more scientific character.

Illustrating a Definition.

Teacher—"What is the meaning of the word 'canvass'?"

Scholar—"To hollow out."

Teacher—"Give me a sentence in which the word is properly used."

Scholar—"The small boy always excavates when his father whacks him."

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